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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE OF TRADE PREFERENCE LIST
AND OTHER STORIES

1. DESPITE THE ASSASSINATION OF KING FAISAL AND
DEVELOPMENTS ON THE LOCAL POLITICAL
SCENE, MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES FOUND ROOM ON THEIR FRONT
PAGES WEDNESDAY (MAR 26) TO REPORT THAT, AS ONE HEADLINE
PUT IT: "THE USA PUT TURKEY ON A COMMERCIAL BLACK LIST
TOGETHER WITH 23 OTHER COUNTRIES." OF EIGHT MAJOR DAILIES
NOTED, ONLY PRO-RPP MILLIYET'S HEADLINE CONVEYED A DIFFERENT
IMPRESSION: "USA STUDYING BENEFITTING TURKEY WITH TRADE
PREFERENCES." RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORTS MERELY NOTED
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THAT TURKEY WAS NOT AMONG THE COUNTRIES GRANTED TRADE

PREFERENCES.

2. ONE PAPER, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN, CARRIED AN INTER-
PRETATION OF THE U.S. MOVE IN ITS HEADLINE: "AMERICAN,
SEARCHING FOR OTHER WAYS TO PRESSURE TURKEY AFTER THE
ARMS EMBARGO, HAS PUT TURKEY ON A TRADE RELATIONS BLACK
LIST."

3. IN THEIR COVERAGE, MOST PAPERS USED A DISPATCH BY THE
SEMI-OFFICIAL ANADOLU AJANSI (A.A.) NEWS SERVICE, WHOSE
LEAD SAID: "WASHINGTON, MARCH 25 -- U.S. PRESIDENT GERALD
FORD HAS APPROVED A BILL PLACING 24 COUNTRIES ON A BLACK
LIST IN TRADE RELATIONS. TURKEY IS ONE OF THE 24 COUNTRIES.
THE TRADE LEGISLATION GRANTS PRIVILEGES TO 89 DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES AND 43 DEPENDENT STATES." THE A.A. STORY ADDED:
"TURKEY, GREECE AND CYPRUS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BLACK
LIST BECAUSE OF THEIR SPECIAL TIES WITH THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY...."

4. IN COVERAGE OF OTHER STORIES THIS WEEK, THE TURKISH
PRESS GAVE ONLY SCANT ATTENTION TO REPORTS THAT TURKEY
HAS REJECTED PROTESTS BY GREECE THAT TURKISH FORCES FIRED
ON GREEK AIRCRAFT AND THAT TURKISH PLANES HAVE VIOLATED
THE AIRSPACE OF CHIOS ISLAND. IN TUESDAY (MAR 25) EDITIONS,
ONLY MILLIYET CARRIED THE STORY. EARLIER, MASS CIRCULATION
HURRIYET, ON PAGE 11 OF ITS SUNDAY (MAR 23) EDITION,
REPORTED THAT A GREEK PROTEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND
REJECTED. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE ALLEGED INCIDENTS
HAS BEEN NOTED.

5. IN OTHER COVERAGE IN TUESDAY EDITIONS, MILLIYET REPORTED
ON AN INSIDE PAGE AN INTERVIEW WITH VEDAT CELIK WHO
REPRESENTED THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS AT THE UNSC DEBATE ON
CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO CELIK--AND TO MILLIYET'S HEADLINE
ON THE STORY--THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS THE MOST HELPFUL
TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. CELIK, WHO WAS IN ANKARA MONDAY TO
CONFER WITH TURKISH MFA OFFICIALS, REPEATED THE POSITION
THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE
ISLAND'S POLITICAL LIFE, IN HIS OPINION, MADE A LASTING
AGREEMENT UNATTAINABLE. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL
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COMMENT SO FAR ON CELIK'S REMARKS.
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